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INTRODUCTION

The 2002-2003 public library statistics were collected from each public library in Tennessee on a data collection form. A reduced-size copy of the form, instructions and definitions may be found in the Appendix.

The data collected conform to the national data format with definitions created by the Federal State Cooperative System (FSCS), a federally-funded program established to collect and publish accurate, consistent and comparable public library statistics annually from each state.

Because the FSCS timelines were advanced to provide more timely data, the libraries' figures were run through the edit checks provided by the FSCS WinPlus software prior to this publication. This change in procedure has resulted in some corrections, and thus better published data.

Again this year the presentation of these figures would not be possible without the collection and development work of the local library directors and their treasurers or bookkeepers along with the regional data coordinators who check and enter the data for their libraries.

All persons in the state are included within the service area of a full-service library and thus the population of each county is assigned to one or more full-service library. The population figures for the full-service libraries reflect the "Official Public Library Service Area" population submitted to each library board in the summer of 2002 for review and adoption. Only full-service libraries, as defined in the Tennessee Minimum Standards for Non-Metropolitan Libraries (see pages 3-7), are assigned an official service area population. Information about the population assignments can be obtained upon request at the regional libraries.

The report is organized into three parts:

Part I: Libraries listed alphabetically by city including sections on Income (green), Expenditures (pink), Services (white), and Collection (blue).

Part II: Libraries listed by region and county and city including sections on Income (green), Expenditures (pink), Services (white), and Collection (blue). Those libraries not affiliated with the 12 regional libraries in the state are listed at the end of this section. These include the four metropolitan libraries, each of which functions as a region, and five public libraries that are independent of the regions.

Part III: A report of other miscellaneous information presented alphabetically by city and a report of statistics for branches of library systems.

There is one significant item of change to be noted in this year's report:

Morristown-Hamblen Public Library

The Davis-Homes Branch of the Morristown-Hamblen Public Library was closed in FY 2002-2003 and has thus been removed from the branches report.

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